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1. RWANDAN PARTICIPANTS IN COLLOQUIUM, AS WELL AS FOREIGNERS BASED IN RWANDA WHO ATTENDED, REGARD COLLOQUIUM AS IMPORTANT SUCCESS. UNIVERSITY RECTOR NSANZIMANA, WHO PARTICIPATED INFORMALLY, BECAME MORE ENTHUSIASTIC AS COLLOQUIUM WENT ALONG, AND SUGGESTED IN FAREWELL REMARKS THAT IT SHOULD BE JUST FIRST OF A SERIES. RWANDA PRESS AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE WROTE OF SESSIONS IN GLOWING TERMS, REFERRING TO LIVELINESS OF DEBATES AND COURAGE OF ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS. BELGIAN ORGANIZERS REYNTJENS AND GORUS HAVE STRONGLY AGREED WITH THESE VIEWS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH US. SPREME COURT PRESIDENT SEMINEGA, WHO CHAIRED COLLOQUIUM, HAS MADE FAVORABLE PUBLIC REFERENCES TO COLLOQUIUM SINCE COMPLETION AS EVENT IN WHICH RWANDANS CAN TAKE PRIDE.

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2. EXCITING THING TO MANY OF PARTICIPANTS WAS POSSIBILITY TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIP OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN WELL-DEFINED CONTEXT WHERE STERILE POLITICAL POSTURING COULD BE AVOIDED. PARTICIPANTS WARMED UP TO SUBJECT, BECOMING EVER MORE CONVINCED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT ABSTRACT

CONCEPT BUT TRULY GOES TO HEART OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

3. IF AND WHEN DECISION IS MADE TO CONDUCT SIMILAR COLLOQUIUM -- THAT IS, AFTER POLITICAL TIMIDITY IS OVERCOME -- MAIN PROBLEM WILL BE IN ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION. PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HOLDING MEETINGS ON INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING SUBJECTS LIKE THIS OFTEN TEND TO BE LESS THAN SYSTEMATIC IN ANTICIPATING AND ATTENDING TO ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS. AS OUR REPORTING HAS MADE CLEAR, OUR ONLY RESERVATIONS REGARDING BUTARE COLLOQUIUM WERE IN THIS AREA, BUT THEY DID NOT PREVENT COLLOQUIUM FROM BEING HIGHLY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR RWANDANS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS.
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